

MERIT BADGE PROCEDURE

1. Choose a subject you are interested in.
2. Go to Mr. Reavis or Mr. Seippel to get the counselor's name.
3. Find a least one other scout to work on this merit badge with you. You must always have a buddy when you are working on a merit badge with a counselor. Exceptions to this rule are very limited and absolutely must be approved before starting. A possible exception example might be for a band student to take Music MB from his band teacher. Very few exceptions are granted.
4. Get a blue merit badge card and have it signed by Mr. Reavis after you have filled in the basic information. We are Troop 911, Piedmont District, Old Hickory Council. When Mr. Reavis signs it, you know that the Counselor is approved and it is ok for you to start the badge. Failure to get the Scoutmaster's signature before you start, may cause embarrassment and extra work on your part. The only exceptions to this rule are for MB classes offered by Troop 911 or for summer camp at Raven Knob.
5. Get the merit badge pamphlet. Check with our Troop Librarian to see if it is available from the Troop. You may borrow pamphlets from the Troop at no cost, but you must follow the check-out procedures. If the Troop doesn't have it, you can buy one at the Scout Office or order it from the National Scout WebSite. After completing any MB, please donate your old pamphlet to the Troop.
6. You and your buddy are to contact the counselor to set up a time to meet.
7. Read the pamphlet and do as much on your own before your first meeting with your counselor.
8. Your counselor will probably schedule out your work to be done. When he is satisfied that you have completed the requirements, he will sign and date your blue card.
9. There are 3 sections of this card. You keep the applicant's record; your counselor keeps the counselor's record and gives the application section to Mr. Seippel. He will update the Troop records and buy the badge. The badge will be presented to you at a future meeting, usually 2 to 3 weeks. If you should not receive your badge within a month, please check with Mr. Seippel to make sure there wasn't a problem.

Our main goal is to offer some of the Eagle required badges that are not offered at summer camp. These badges will be offered periodically throughout the year. Some classes will run for 3 or 4 weeks in a row while others will have a more flexible schedule. Some of the Eagle badges require a Scout to keep independent records of 1 - 3 months and do not require a weekly meeting with a counselor. If you are not able to attend class the first time it is offered - DO NOT PANIC - it will be offered again within the year and you will be able to earn it then. Remember it is not a race to see who can get the most badges or who can get to Eagle first, but what you learn along your path to Eagle.